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THE PROGRESS OF SCIENCE

SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

We are able to print in the present issue of *THE SCIENTIFIC MONTHLY* extracts from addresses given at the meeting of the British Association held at Edinburgh from September 7 to 14. The meeting is in progress as this journal goes to press, and practically nothing from England regarding its proceedings has been cabled. The addresses of the president of the association and of the presidents of the sections are usually the best summaries of the progress of science prepared each year, and the English newspapers and journals have been in the habit of paying much more attention to them than is the case in this country with the corresponding addresses of the American Association. This more general attention naturally causes the preparation of addresses of greater interest, which in turn leads to their more widespread publication to the advantage of science and of the national welfare.

The American Association meets this year at Toronto, and the meeting should be of more than usual interest. Dr. L. O. Howard, chief of the Bureau of Entomology of the Department of Agriculture, who gives the address of the retiring president, is master of a subject of great scientific and economic concern, and it is desirable that his address and the addresses of the vice-presidents and the other proceedings of more than technical interest should be given wide publicity. It is to be hoped that the recently organized Science Service may be of use in this direction. Two distinguished English men of science have been invited to Toronto as guests of the association, one in the biological and one in the physical sciences, and Professor Bateson has consented to be present.

At the same time as the meeting of the British Association in Edinburgh, the chemists have been holding Anglo-American meetings. The British Society of Chemical Industry met with the Canadian Branch in Montreal under the presidency of Sir William Pope, professor of chemistry in the University of Cambridge. After visits to Ottawa and Toronto, the English and Canadian chemists joined in the New York meeting of the American Chemical Society. The number was small, but they were admirably represented by their president, who took part in the international program and made an address at the dinner. The American Chemical Society was also fortunate in its president, Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith, provost emeritus of the University of Pennsylvania, who first held the office twenty-five years ago. In his presidential address, in his address at the dinner and at the meetings on educational chemistry and the history of chemistry, Dr. Smith did much to emphasize the broader aspects of the science.

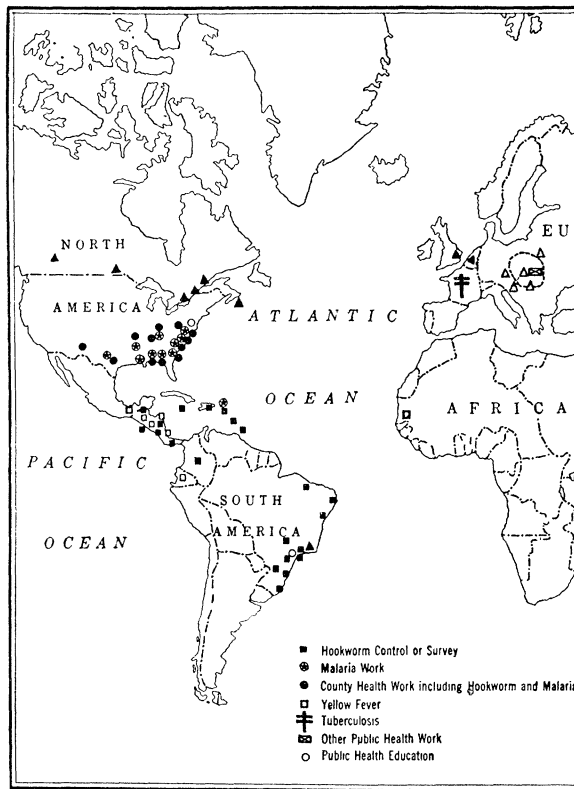
In the attendance and on the programs, industrial and engineering chemistry were largely represented. Much interest was manifested in the embargo on German chemicals and in the Chemical Warfare Service. There were elaborately arranged excursions to industrial plants in and around New York City and during the week following the meeting a large national exposition of Chemical Industries was held in one of the armories of the city.

Following the meeting of the chemists an International Congress of Eugenics is being held in New York City. While the time has scarcely come when international congresses can be held and while eugenics ap-



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SIR WILLIAM POPE
President of the Society of Chemical Industry



MAP SHOWING WORLD-WIDE ACTIVITIES

pears to be still an amateur science, mainly promoted by amateurs, the meeting promises to be of interest. The program gives prominence to genetics which has become a real science in which America may perhaps claim leadership. At the opening meeting addresses were announced by Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn, president of the congress and of the American Museum of Natural History; Major Leonard Darwin, president of the Eugenics Education Society, London; and Dr. Charles B. Davenport, director of the Department of Genetics of the Carnegie Institution. Among those from abroad who make addresses before the sections are M. Lucien Cuénot, Nancy, France; Professor Herman Lundborg, Upsala, Sweden, and M. Georges Vacher de Lapouge, Poitiers, France.

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

The president of the Rockefeller Foundation, Dr. George E. Vincent, has issued a popular review of the work carried out during the year 1920, which gives a good idea of its magnitude and wide influence in aid of medical education and in the field of public health. A map of the world showing the widespread distribution of the various activities of the foundation is here reproduced. The total endowment now amounts to over 174 million dollars, and during the year approximately seven million dollars have been spent in carrying out the program of the foundation. Of this amount, over two million dollars were contributed for the improvement of the public health in various